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Rose Parade

2014-12-02 12:32 PM

We have gone many times (in fact, my father-in-law, who lived in Pasadena, went over 40 times!). Camped out, stayed in hotel, drove down early, you name it. Best way? Take one of the buses (Airbus, perhaps) with reserved seats on the parade route. We have done that twice over the years and really did find it the best way. Do it! You will love the experience!

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Rose Parade

2014-12-02 12:30 PM

If you don't go and see the parade itself, definitely go and see the floats afterwards! Seeing them in person is an incredible experience and the "up close and in person" viewing of their handcrafting gives a perspective that one never truly understands from watching on TV alone. The immense number of volunteer hours and tens of thousands of individually applied flowers, petals, stems and pieces of bark are a wonder of ingenuity!

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COMMENT 573729P (A) (B) (O)

Garage Sale Manager

2014-12-02 12:29 PM

My parents were pack-rats. We tried to downsize to just the items of significant enough value to sell on Craigslist or E-Bay by putting the rest out for sale at a big garage sale. 5 or 6 of us worked at it for a few weeks beforehand, and on the day of the sale because there was so much to go through and sell. We hired 2 of the people to help us with preparation and working the sale, as we all hated haggling (and we probably over-valued lots of their stuff).

- 1. We lost money by the time we were done paying others to help us with it.
- 2. We were wise to put others in charge of prices and haggling, because we "kids" were insulted by some of the low prices offered and accepted. We would have preferred to donate it (esp. items that I knew were going to be resold at "consignment" shops in town for far more), and the tax write-off probably would have been larger than any profit gained, even if we'd done it all ourselves.
- 3. That said, maybe we're slow learners, as we're considering doing it again, because there is still so much to get rid of. The suggestion of 546P or making a deal with someone who enjoys this sort of thing but doesn't have the right location to run one may be a winner.

Best of luck!

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COMMENT 573728 (A) (B) (O)

Expired Prescription Meds

2014-12-02 12:29 PM

One other person commented on this too... My dad is a doctor and he said many meds including antibiotics are good for 10 years past their expiration date. The military has a program where they buy them up.

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MARJELK (A) (I) (V) (O)

Rose Parade

2014-12-02 12:26 PM

I went once with Santa Barbara Airbus and they have reserved seats on the route. I think they still do this.

COMMENT 573726 (A) (I) (V) (O)

Bucket collection for rain

2014-12-02 12:24 PM

My rain guage is already at the 2.5" mark and it's suppose to keep coming down like this for another 15+ hours.

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COMMENT 573725 (A) (B) (O)

Bucket collection for rain

2014-12-02 12:23 PM

In case you haven't noticed most of S.B. is paved over. Most of the rain water will make it's way to the ocean. I believe very little actually ends up filling the ground water. Something that should be addressed sooner than later.

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COMMENT 573724 (A) (B) (O)

M. Jane Marsh

2014-12-02 12:23 PM

Wonderful lady...she will be missed.

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COMMENT 573723 (A) (1) (O)

Real Time Rainfall Data

2014-12-02 12:22 PM

If you look at "Weather underground" site, wundermap/? lat=34.47515&lon=-119.82239&zoom=12&type=ter&units=english&rad=1&ra d.num=1&rad.spd=25&rad.opa=70&rad.stm=1&rad.type =N0R&rad.type2=&rad.smo=1&rad.mrg=0&wxsn=1&wxs n.mode=r&svr=0&cams=0&sat=0&riv=0&mm=0&hur=0& fire=0&tor=0&ndfd=0&pix=0&dir=0&ads=0&ib=0&tfk=0

it's even better and more detailed with graphs.

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COMMENT 573722P (A) (B) (O)

Gluten-free Oatmeal

2014-12-02 12:20 PM

Thanks, everyone for your answers, which were quite illuminating in many unexpected ways. I learned a great deal from following this train. Thanks to many of you for your kindness.

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FLICKA (A) (1) (I) (I)

Rose Parade

2014-12-02 12:15 PM

In the 1950s Mom had friends who lived near the route, we spent the night while the man of the house sat up all night in front row chairs. When we got there he went home to bed. Fantastic show! About 10 years ago I went with a florist who was paid to design flowers for the Icelandic and Morgan horses to wear. I helped "dress the horses" (got there at 4am!). We went to the end of the parade where coffee and donuts were waiting for us and we watched the floats come in.

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MTNDRIVER A H O O

AM Rain Report!

2014-12-02 12:15 PM

1.2 inches 8am to noon here, on top of .5 overnight...

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COMMENT 573719P (A) (B) (O)

Isla Vista Self Governance Bill Int...

2014-12-02 12:14 PM

The dissing of Das is because his solution to everything is more government. The dissing of people who have never held a job in the private sector is because they don't understand that someone has to pay for it, and that just increasing taxes for every new project actually drives real productive jobs and businesses away.

Big government liberalism is so out of hand that something like 1 in 12 or 1 in 10 people are employed in government nowadays. Every government job is an actual drain on the GDP. Government needs to be smaller, more effective and efficient, and have less duplication. People like Das think the exact opposite, and tirelessly work to expand their broken vision.

There's an old phrase that rings true... If you aren't liberal when you're young, you have no heart. If you aren't conservative when you're old, you have no head. Let's work on compassionate, but holding people accountable for their own behavior, as well as not trying to make government the solution to all problems, because it is neither effective nor affordable.

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DOG MOM (A) (B) (O)

Amtrak Disturbance

2014-12-02 12:13 PM

Roger, If the bank was Wells Fargo, they do a lot that could get customers irritated with them. The second to the last time I was in there, there were TWO greeters at mid AM to catch the eye of every customer entering the bank. At the tellers windows, there were THREE staff that hovered and circulated behind the tellers. I guessed the extra paid greeters (security?) and the more than one or two hovering behind the tellers were staff-in-training. With my last refinance that was with Wells Fargo, the documents had so many errors in names or fees (no longer existing Equity Line of Credit elsewhere. & WF was notified of the closing of that) that a customer needs to remember to always review all documents & ask questions in the process of the financing to avoid errors prior to the time of the signing documents at the title company.

Some days a person needs to sequester themselves away from too public a places and wait for a

better day/part of the day to do necessary business.

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COMMENT 573717P (1) (1) (0)

AM Rain Report!

2014-12-02 12:11 PM

608, it's "the quality of mercy" that is not strained. Surely this lovely rain brings an element of mercy to us.

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COMMENT 573716 (A) (B) (O)

Warming Centers Activate In South &...

2014-12-02 12:11 PM

GOOD deeds will reward all. Thank you, Freedom Warming Centers. God bless you.

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COMMENT 573714P (A) (B) (D) (O)

Bucket collection for rain

2014-12-02 12:10 PM

Rain water from a roof probably ends up mostly in the ocean, and adds to groundwater.

And the relatively small amount that people can capture won't make a dent.

Next thing we'll say how dare people have gardens - the water going into the soil, should go to the reservoir

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COMMENT 573713 (A) (1) (V) (O)

Rose Parade

2014-12-02 12:10 PM

In the late 50's and early 60's my dad would park the truck right on Colorado Blvd. and we would sit in the back and watch. We went again several years back and I would agree it was worth it, but definitely buy reserved seating. The train is a great way to get there. We have also gone to look at the floats afterwards, once several years ago and again two years ago. It is now very popular and requires tickets as well.

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COMMENT 573715 (A) (1) (O)

Men Convicted of Paper Terrorism

2014-12-02 12:10 PM

Yes! Paper terrorism! Doesn't the Federal Register record over fifteen thousand pages of rules DAILY? Obamacare is over two thousand pages long. No one in the legislature read it, or could have, before it was passed. "If you want to know what is in the bill, vote for it" is a quote by the imbecile (in reality much worse than an imbecile) House leader. Thirty five hundred new regs were published late one recent Friday that affect all of us. No one knows or can know all of what restrains us. My worker's comp carrier just informed me that all minor injuries, including "minor scratches" must be reported to them, in compliance of a new law. I am in construction! Paper terrorism! Is this April first? I am in favor of those who try to give back to the gov't what them impose upon us. I hope the judge gets to think about this? What is his name?

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ROGER DODGER (A) (B) (O)

Traffic Accident On 101 At Carrillo

2014-12-02 12:08 PM

Car into the wall on 101 So. before Garden St.

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COMMENT 573711 (A) (1) (V) (O) #FIRST WORLD PROBLEMS

NY Times Paper Thief

2014-12-02 12:08 PM

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FLICKA (1) (1) (0) (0)

Garage Sale Manager

2014-12-02 12:06 PM

Yard sales sound awful! Here in Carpinteria my experience has been fun and friendly, I've met some nice people and gotten very good deals. It is work to put them on, try having neighbors or friends put their stuff with yours and all work together. Just don't leave your money around. Years ago a friend kept the money in a cigar box, at the end of the day it was gone, all the work for nothing. Wear an apron and keep it in the pocket.

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COMMENT 573709 (A) (B) (D) (O)

Isla Vista Self Governance Bill Int...

2014-12-02 12:02 PM

Wow, lots of comments showing the incredible ignorance about what IV actually is among the commenters.

IV has incredible community cohesion and commitment... in different ways the IVRPD and the Isla Vista Sanitary District (known since 1990 or so the Goleta West SD) show this, as did the reaction to the 5/2014 murders, the reaction to 9/11/2001 in IV, etc.

The fact is that Santa Barbara County intentionally drains resources from IV and then pleads poverty when it comes to IV needs. They then point the finger at UCSB.

The only real solution is to the IV out of Santa Barbara County, and make it so that every penny of UCSB-related revenue (hotel visits by parents, visiting scholars, etc; home purchases by UCSB employees, all UCSB-related business revenue) happens in the severed IV. Keep all UCSB economic activity out of SB County.

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COMMENT 573707P (A) (B) (D) (O)

Traffic Accident on 154

2014-12-02 11:58 AM

I think the road is haunted.

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COMMENT 573706 (A) (B) (O)

Magic Trick Store

2014-12-02 11:52 AM

Old Wharf Trading on Stearns Wharf has some novelty tricks for sale.

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COMMENT 573703 (A) (B) (O)

Warning! Cuteness Alert!

2014-12-02 11:51 AM

It's not the same picture. Her hand was moving in one picture.620

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COMMENT 573705P (A) (B) (O)

Rose Parade

2014-12-02 11:51 AM

We went and saw the Floats after the Parade one year and they were just beautiful.

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FLICKA (A) (B) (O)

Rain Season Advisory

2014-12-02 11:51 AM

Thank you for posting this information.

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MACSCIDOR (A) (II) (II) (II)

Real Time Rainfall Data

2014-12-02 11:49 AM

Absolutely beautiful base-map and clear info on the santabarbara.onerain ... php page. What a delight to view. Thank you for the link!

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COMMENT 573702P (A) (1) (0)

NY Times Paper Thief

2014-12-02 11:49 AM

I'm sorry this has been happening to you. Confronting the thief would be how I would handle it. [At least it's a literate thief.] "I'll be happy to leave yesterdays paper here for you if you want to read it and can't afford it, but it's not OK for you to take today's paper from me."

We are out of town for long periods of time, and always let our neighbors know. We live in a great neighborhood, with great neighbors, who look out for one another. We pick up mail or papers if they aren't stopped correctly (happens, esp. w/ substitute carriers). We remove door hangers or other indicators they aren't home. We take out each others trash and recycling and return the cans. It would be a nicer world if we all tried to treat others like we'd like to be treated.

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COMMENT 573700P (A) (B) (O)

Rose Parade

2014-12-02 11:47 AM

1974, 1979 and 1989. One time I was with a group that slept there, the other times I just parked nearby early in the morning and walked. It's a lot of fun to see the floats up close. If you can't make it to the parade, go see the floats at the park after the parade. And a shout-out to @694, I also grew up in SO!

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COMMENT 573698 (A) (B) (O)

Rose Parade

2014-12-02 11:47 AM

Its fun! I used to work in Pasadena right on Colorado Blvd at Paseo Colorado. If you want to avoid traffic, you can take the Amtrak down and take the gold line (light rail) and pay \$1.75 (or \$7.00 for a day pass) and it takes you about 2 blocks from the route. They add extra trains the day to help with the influx of people I did that and it was amazing, would definitely recommend it. Have fun if you do!

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COMMENT 573697P (A) (B) (O)

Rose Parade

2014-12-02 11:47 AM

The advice about getting seats and parking is correct. We had the good fortune to be invited to see the parade by the parents of friends who lived near the parade route and who staked out places each year for their few invited quests with lawn chairs at an early hour and who had a driveway in which to park. The experience was well worth the pre-dawn excursion with our station wagon full of youngsters to see a truly magical extravaganza. Look into the company 694 mentioned, if you don't happen to have friends with family on the parade route.

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FLICKA (A) (H) (N) (O)

Bushtits Having Fun!

2014-12-02 11:47 AM

Beautiful fountain setting, flowers, water, birds; what more could you want? Thank you for the picture, and all the information provided here about the little birds.

COMMENT 573699P (A) (B) (O) 2014-12-02 11:47 AM Pacific Storm System Headed This Wa.. On Edhat, the most appropriate Pink Floyd album would be "Meddle" :-)

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COMMENT 573695 (A) (1) (O)

Expired Prescription Meds

2014-12-02 11:45 AM

366, those kids put them to good use. Especially the ones that help them study.

It sounds like a beneficial program, but I bet DAWG accepting prescription meds is not really legal. Over the counter stuff would be okay.

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COMMENT 573694 (A) (II) (II) (II)

2014-12-02 11:39 AM

I grew up in Sherman Oaks and had b=never bee, so at the temder age of 58 I knoew I had to. We have relatives who belong to a church there, so we got there to reserved seats at 5 am and it was the best time ive eer had in my life! Front row. I've heard that you can buy and reserve seats somehow thru a company. I would look into that, plus they tell you where to park. It was cold but sooo worth it!

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COMMENT 573693 (A) (B) (O)

Rose Parade

Rose Parade

2014-12-02 11:35 AM

Yes. Went once back in the early 80s. It was very enjoyable. I also saw the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade as a youth in the 50s.

Now, in old age, the hassle of driving south, parking, fighting crowds, etc. makes me prefer to see the Rose Parade on tv.

So, go at least once. "The smell of the greasepaint, the roar of the crowd" and all...

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COMMENT 573692 (A) (B) (O)

AM Rain Report!

2014-12-02 11:31 AM

If you are concerned about ground water, it might make more sense to try and allow as little water from your property hit the storm drains.

Direct downspouts to garden areas where it can soak in and not cause you or your neighbors water problems. Berms can hold water for he garden and using permeable patios and pavers helps too. Buckets on a driveway where you can't harvest the water is different

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COMMENT 573691 (A) (B) (D) (O)

Magic Trick Store

2014-12-02 11:26 AM

Update to my previous post.....magic geek has completely gone out of business and shutdown its local store location and website.

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SMILODON A CO O

Traffic Accident on Milpas

2014-12-02 11:25 AM

Assumably is NOT a word. I think you mean PREsumably.

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COMMENT 573689 (A) (B) (O)

No Mosquitoes, Please!

2014-12-02 11:19 AM

Thanks for all of the replies. Just to clarify my situation. My fountain basin is underground and covered by a very heavy rock. Therefore draining/ siphon/ sponge is difficult. I will try some of these ideas

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COMMENT 573688P (A) (I) (I) (I)

San Miguel Missile Launch?

2014-12-02 11:18 AM

615 - It's not Navy activity. It's airliner activity.

571 - Makes about as much sense as making up missiles.

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COMMENT 573687 (A) (B) (O)

Bucket collection for rain

2014-12-02 11:17 AM

Way back in high school I read the book, "Dune," and saw the awful movie of the same name. Living in AZ at the time it made sense to conserve what little water we had.

As I see the gutters in SB flowing with rainwater I wonder why every house doesn't have a cistem? With a rain like today it's possible to fill up many 50 gallon containers from every household.

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COMMENT 573686 (A) (B) (O)

Bucket collection for rain

2014-12-02 11:17 AM

The mosquitoes will thank you...

COMMENT 573685 (A) (I) (V) (O) Magic Trick Store

2014-12-02 11:16 AM

You might try Metro Entertainment on Anapamu, 963-2168

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COMMENT 573684 (A) (B) (O)

Bucket collection for rain

2014-12-02 11:15 AM

Amazing! So many people with nothing to do!!! I luvvit.

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SMILODON (A) (B) (O)

Bushtits Having Fun!

2014-12-02 11:14 AM

And then, of course, there is the story of the ornithologist who ran regular bird-watch walks every week. He would point out the birds, and supply the Linnean identifications. One day, a lady was curious about small birds she kept spotting; she asked the expert what they were, and he said they were "DLBB's". Walking on a bit, she wondered about his nomenclature. "Excuse me, Professor. Exactly what IS a DLBB?"

"Oh, that is a damned little brown bird."

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COMMENT 573682 (A) (B) (Q) (O)

Traffic Accident On 101 At Carrillo

2014-12-02 11:13 AM

That doesn't make for a very smooth moving day. Hope it wasn't too serious!

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COMMENT 573681 (A) (B) (O)

Traffic Accident On 101 At Carrillo

2014-12-02 11:13 AM

Roger, I had to make use of empty boxes and sweatshirts turned inside out for my two outside kitties. Now they are a few feet from me, snuggled asleep. How are yours?

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COMMENT 573680 (A) (B) (D) (O)

Bucket collection for rain

2014-12-02 11:12 AM

What is wrong with setting buckets out on cement, or under the awnings of a house, where water typically will just pool and create a puddle?

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COMMENT 573679 (A) (B) (O)

Bucket collection for rain

2014-12-02 11:11 AM

Settle down. Those buckets are on a cement driveway. The water they're capturing wouldn't end up in a reservoir or replenishing the water table, it would be headed to a storm drain.

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COMMENT 573678 (A) (II) (II) (II)

Bucket collection for rain

2014-12-02 11:08 AM

It is a good idea to wait until ground is saturated as it replenishes the water table.

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COMMENT 573677 (A) (1) (0) (0)

Bucket collection for rain

2014-12-02 11:05 AM

Is this what we've come to? Stealing water before it hits the ground so it takes twice as long to replenish out reservoir?? Such practices are illegal in ither states, Colorado for one!

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COMMENT 573676 (A) (1) (O)

Bucket collection for rain

2014-12-02 11:04 AM

Nice grass

newspress.

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SMILODON 4 1 1 0 0

Bushtits Having Fun!

2014-12-02 11:03 AM

566 & 633P, For five years running, I had a series of these guys born in the flimsy vines outside the front door, in the spring, a small flock of these returned for a day, and one of them was fluttering around, as if showing off his birth nest: "Hey, guys, this is where I was born. This is my nest, still here..." They watched, amazed that he was so excited; Yeh, yeh.

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COMMENT 573672 (A) (B) (O)

Birds Don't Mind the Rain!

2014-12-02 10:59 AM

Such a lovely picture! I have a feeder right outside bedroom window and wake up to them singing and feeding...nothing better!

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COMMENT 573673 (A) (II) (II) (II)

NY Times Paper Thief

2014-12-02 10:59 AM

What sucks also is the delivery guy gets docked pay for the complaint, i used to delivery for the

Without making it more difficult on delivery (and sometimes actually costs you more) try asking them to throw the paper elsewhere. Like the lawn, or somewhere the car cant nonchalantly roll up to.

Then fill the plastic bag with yesterdays paper/ cat litter/ rocks and "stunt paper" the theif with a note.

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COMMENT 573671P (A) (B) (A) (O) Sand Bag Availability

2014-12-02 10:58 AM

Thanks for the after-thought, but it's a little late in the game.

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COMMENT 573669 (A) (B) (O)

Magic Trick Store

2014-12-02 10:49 AM

Magic geek is an online only store. But if you call them they will let you pickup directly from them.

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Warning! Cuteness Alert!

2014-12-02 10:43 AM

Totally adorable.

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COMMENT 573666 (A) (I) (V) (O)

Magic Trick Store

2014-12-02 10:41 AM

Thanks for the suggestions everyone. I actually did ask Mark already and he had some great ideas. But all I really need is a shop here in town to buy a few tricks, nothing big. However, it looks like the nearest place is in Camarillo. Toy stores unfortunately don't have what I need also. The world of magic might be a possibility i'll call over there today to see what they have.

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RHS (A) (B) (O)

Free Flu Shots for Community Reside...

2014-12-02 10:41 AM

We will always have the no nothings with us. Medical science is clearly been unreliable and unvaluable despite the fact that the life expectancy of humans in the age of vaccines has increased to nearly double what it was in the late 1800's. I don't care if you want to be sick but if you are sick please do the rest of us the kindness to stay inside and pay your own bills. And bravo for this socialist welfare state initiative.

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COMMENT 573665P (1) (1) (1)

Magic Trick Store

2014-12-02 10:37 AM

Ask Mark Collier, Santa Barbara's premier magician who also performs at the Magic Castle. You can find him on Facebook. Good luck!

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COMMENT 573664 (A) (B) (Q) (Q)

Magic Trick Store

2014-12-02 10:34 AM

I'd try toy stores -- Bennett's or Kernohan's. maybe even ToysRUs Express at La Cumbre.

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COMMENT 573663P (1) (1) (1)

Birds Don't Mind the Rain!

2014-12-02 10:33 AM

I believe your yellow friend is a goldfinch :-)

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COMMENT 573662 (A) (II) (IV) (IV)

AM Rain Report!

2014-12-02 10:29 AM

I'm wondering if the future of water supplies is to build our homes on top of storage tanks and home scale purification equipment.

If you want water, it comes from your own property. If you use it up and drain your tank, you are either SOL or can pay through the nose.

That way, the supply and use of it is individually controlled. No more "so and so uses too much".

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COMMENT 573661 (A) (B) (O)

Magic Trick Store

2014-12-02 10:26 AM

Back when World Of Magic was a year round store and not just a Halloween shop.. they had a pretty decent magic section

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COMMENT 573660P (A) (B) (A) (O) Pacific Storm System Headed This Wa... 2014-12-02 10:26 AM Anybody who just makes stuff up out of nothing but thin air, and uses "you people", I tune out.

Btw, people make up their own minds. They don't listen to or are persuaded by, any ignorant lectures.

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COMMENT 573659 (A) (II) (O)

Traffic Accident On 101 At Carrillo

2014-12-02 10:24 AM

Subscriber Comments - Santa Barbara Edhat Regardless of speed, it's just plain hard to see. Pay attention. read complete comment thread COMMENT 573658 (A) (B) (O) Magic Trick Store 2014-12-02 10:23 AM Try the book store on lower State. read complete comment thread PAMSB (A) (B) (O) Magic Trick Store 2014-12-02 10:18 AM Call the Castle and talk to them. Some of the magician members might help you out with "special" close up tricks that they will do at your table. Enjoy your special night! read complete comment thread COMMENT 573656 (A) (1) (V) (0) Traffic Accident On 101 At Carrillo 2014-12-02 10:16 AM Slow down people! It's the first real rain In a while! Things are slippery! Thanks roger for the info! You are the best! read complete comment thread GBOB (A) (B) (O) **Expired Prescription Meds** 2014-12-02 10:14 AM Take them as directed on the label:) read complete comment thread COMMENT 573654P (A) (1) (0) Pacific Storm System Headed This Wa... 2014-12-02 10:13 AM Anytime someone starts with "you people," I tune out. read complete comment thread COMMENT 573653 (A) (1) (V) (O) 2014-12-02 10:11 AM Real Time Rainfall Data Wow, we've had more rainfall in the last 6 hours than we've had in the last 12 months. read complete comment thread

COMMENT 573652P (3 (1) (1) (2) AM Rain Report! 2014-12-02 10:06 AM 639 - yep, Montecito estates could water their lawns the whole year if they had enough storage - and on large properties that should not be a problem.

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COMMENT 573650P 4 10 0 AM Rain Report! 2014-12-02 10:02 AM

Rain started at 4 for me. I woke at 4 a.m. and saw the ground get wet, near Cottage hospital/Oak Park.

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captive audience of UCSB students have few options, and the spill over into the greater community will be the price we pay for electing this well meaning "community organizer". The resulting inconsequential action of "uplifting" IV will be to drag the rest of the community down, his version of achieving a greater sense of equality.

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COMMENT 573649 **1 0 0 Warning!** Cuteness Alert! 2014-12-02 10:01 AM

Unless you're mailing them, why carry the dogs into the post office?

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COMMENT 573648P (1) (1) (2) AM Rain Report! 2014-12-02 10:00 AM

Thanks for the link 610.

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As of light rainfall late yesterday, gauge measurement reading shows 0.94" as of 9:35am this morning and still soaking nicely. Nat. History Museum area.

read complete comment thread

COMMENT 573646 4 10 10 Survey Monuments 2014-12-02 09:56 AM

Why cast a marker with specific details when a set of metal stamps would be so much cheaper and more convenient? These things were meant to be reference points, not museum pieces.

In fact, I think making them overly fancy would just attract unwanted attention from the type of people

who might steal such artifacts.

Anyway, now that 3d printing (with powdered metal even!) is becoming commonplace, we may see a return to such niceties for those willing pay the price.

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COMMENT 573645 (A) (B) (O)

Bushtits Having Fun!

2014-12-02 09:55 AM

I have been lucky enough to have bushtits that nest in my redwood tree. This will be the 4th year. Their nests are incredible. Eventually the small branch where the nest is attached will fall off and I can add this year's nest to my collection.

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COMMENT 573644P (A) (B) (D) (O)

Tuesday Traffic

2014-12-02 09:53 AM

Location: Us101 S No / Garden, .5 M Loc Desc: SB 101 JNO GARDEN 9:19 AM WHI WORK TK O/TURNED BLKING SLO LN

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COMMENT 573643P (A) (B) (O)

Tuesday Traffic

2014-12-02 09:51 AM

http://cad.chp.ca.gov/

go to pull-down menu on left and select "Ventura" Lots of little ones still going on, of course. One just cleared at Santa Monica northbound onramp, guy wire for power pole damaged.

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RARE (A) (B) (O)

Barking Dog Tips

2014-12-02 09:49 AM

I just subscribed, thanks for the suggestion. My name is Ronit Corry and I am a Dog Whisperer. The last comment, 573630, is my comment. My email is ronit@worldshare.net.

read complete comment thread

COMMENT 573641 (A) (B) (D) (O)

Warning! Cuteness Alert!

2014-12-02 09:47 AM

The gal appears to be far far cuter than the mutts she is holding!

read complete comment thread

COMMENT 573640 (A) (II) (II) (II)

Local Student on Good Morning Ameri...

2014-12-02 09:46 AM

Congratulations to Jacob and his parents!

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COMMENT 573639 (A) (I) (I) (I)

AM Rain Report!

2014-12-02 09:45 AM

It's pretty incredible to think of how much rain falls, and how much you could capture if you collect it off your roof.

Say your roof is 20 X 40 ft. 240 in X 480 in = 115,200 sq in.

If we got an inch of rain, that's 115,200 cu in of water.

Divide by 231 cu in / gallon and you'd get just under 500 gallons on your roof.

Over one acre of land, a one inch rainfall totals over 27,000 gallons!

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Bushtits Having Fun!

2014-12-02 09:42 AM

Cornell's audio library of animal sounds, mostly birds, the Macaulay Library. GREAT SITE! "...the world's largest archive of wildlife sounds and videos." http://macaulaylibrary.org/

http://macaulaylibrary.org/audio/167824

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COMMENT 573637 (A) (B) (D) (O)

Traffic Accident on Milpas

2014-12-02 09:40 AM

I'm impressed that he waited for the police. Some people run away from their accidents (as much as that is possible) to get rid of contraband or let their BAC get lower before it is tested. At least he was honorable in this.

read complete comment thread

ROGER DODGER (A) (B) (O)

Traffic Accident On 101 At Carrillo

2014-12-02 09:35 AM

Shakey is going to post accidents on this thread for awhile I'll be unavailable, gotta drop the kids off at the pool.

COMMENT 573635 (A) (B) (O)

Garage Sale Manager

2014-12-02 09:35 AM

A private garage sale? Or a larger School/Jr. League sale? Sell on ebay instead. The "professionals" have ruined garage sales and flakes are ruining craigslist. "I'll come right over" and they never show up. Crazy. Ebay is the best. Shop ebay, too.

read complete comment thread

ROGER DODGER A B O

Traffic Accident On 101 At Carrillo

2014-12-02 09:33 AM

Theres another at 101 at Garden South CHP don't have the one at Carrillo listed yet. Theres also a wreck at 101 and Three Bridges, and another at Santa Monica in Carp.

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COMMENT 573633P (A) (1) (V) (O)

Bushtits Having Fun!

2014-12-02 09:32 AM

Thanks for eliciting fond memories, 566, with "ellgeebees." I've only used LBB and BBB. :-) I was the non-birder in the family. Obviously.

read complete comment thread

COMMENT 573632 (A) (B) (O)

Isla Vista Self Governance Bill Int...

2014-12-02 09:30 AM

I think what is meant by a "real job" is a 10 or 12 hour daily grind where some guy in his mid fifties constantly recounts how he had to walk 5 miles to school in waist deep snow and reminds you every 10 minutes that starving children in India would love to do your job for no pay at all.

read complete comment thread

COMMENT 573631P (A) (B) (O)

Men Convicted of Paper Terrorism

2014-12-02 09:29 AM

627--really? You are sick.

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FANGIRL 4 1 0 0

Warning! Cuteness Alert!

2014-12-02 09:24 AM

Definitely pic of the day!

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COMMENT 573630 (A) (II) (IV) (IV)

Barking Dog Tips

2014-12-02 09:24 AM

It sounds to me like the problem stems from a lack of structure. If a dog feels there are clear rules and boundaries given by his human leaders and the dog is given structured walks for sufficient exercise, the problem behaviors most often disappear in my experience. Most problem behaviors are caused by pent up frustration. Dogs are meant to travel with their pack daily. This keeps them feeling balanced. Most people think putting the dog in a yard is plenty of exercise, but this is not true. We, as humans, would go stir crazy if we didn't leave the house every day and see and hear new things and relate to others. Dogs are the same. They crave stimulation and variety, doing activities as a group or pack and exercise, as well as affection.

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COMMENT 573628 (A) (B) (A) (O)

🕦 🧿 AM Rain Report!

2014-12-02 09:21 AM

Wow, that's great for so early in the day!

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COMMENT 573626 (A) (1) (V) (O)

Isla Vista Self Governance Bill Int...

2014-12-02 09:20 AM

Agree with the comments that IV should be its own community. Let ucsb deal with IV. I lived there through the riots in 70's and nothing much has changed since then. I would also like to see only voters with skin in the game allowed to vote on any measure that has financial impacts.

Das is an ineffective representative. Yeah that community organizer stuff really helps ;).

read complete comment thread

COMMENT 573627 (A) (B) (D) (O)

Men Convicted of Paper Terrorism

2014-12-02 09:20 AM

564 - And I'd like to be a fly on the wall when they try and refuse to recognize the power of cellmate Bubba, who just wants to snuggle.

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COMMENT 573625 (A) (B) (A) (O)

Expired Prescription Meds

2014-12-02 09:17 AM

Federal Drug Store located in the Loreto Shopping Plaza with Gelson's and Harry's Restaurant will take the expired medication and dispose of it properly. So easy and well located

read complete comment thread

COMMENT 573624P (A) (1) (V) (O)

New Act in Oceano

2014-12-02 09:15 AM

Banner gives a nice flight—they usually take you out over Pismo beach pier and up to Avila and back. What a gas! Highly recommend it. They can take up two slim people, or 1 hefty one and a little kid.

I miss the 1929 Travelaire that used to come to Oceano to give rides back in the 90's. He'd take you up wherever you wanted to go. We flew over my home in Nipomo and back over Huasna Valley to Edna, then followed the RR tracks, back to the coast. These coastal hills and valleys are sublime from several hundred feet up.

read complete comment thread

COMMENT 573623 (A) (B) (O)

Garage Sale Manager

2014-12-02 09:14 AM

Your best bet is to talk to neighbors and see if any of them want to join in and host the sale. Offer to make food for all workers.

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D8VANILLA 4 1 0 0

Garage Sale Manager

2014-12-02 09:12 AM

Forgot to mention, that I had a watch stolen by a large Mexican family. Luckily for me, the watch, which was brand new, was only worth \$20, but looked a lot more expensive!!!

So, keep the valuable stuff in eye-sight at all times. Security cameras helped me identify that it was that Mexican family that did it, but didn't get a good picture of their faces. Who knows what other stuff was stolen

And, YES, it's a lot of work, but we made some good money over those 2 days. I think because our stuff was decent and prices were reasonable. Just putting up the signs took over an hour. ps- don't forget to write down where you posted the signs, so you can go pull them down.

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COMMENT 573620 (A) (B) (O)

Warning! Cuteness Alert!

2014-12-02 09:11 AM

Why do people post two of the exact same picture?

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COMMENT 573621P (A) (B) (O)

AM Rain Report!

2014-12-02 09:11 AM

Bring umbrellas for the monarchs!

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COMMENT 573619 (A) (B) (Q) (O)

Pacific Storm System Headed This Wa... 2014-12-02 09:08 AM

You people don't know what a drought is. A drought is like a recession. Just because you have a few good quarters and the recession is over doesn't mean that the economy is good and all the budgets are balanced. All we need is 3 or 4 good storms and this drought is OVER. Will we still be below normal water-wise? Of course. We live right next to a desert. Droughts themselves are NORMAL. It's no big deal.

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SEEDLADY (A) (B) (O)

Bushtits Having Fun!

2014-12-02 09:07 AM

I'm lucky enough to have a Carolina cherry hedge outside my desk window and love to watch the Bushtits come in for a bathe and snack. There is often a Chestnut Backed Chickadee with them, also sometimes a warbler or two depending on the timing of migration. Usually a Townsend's Orange-Crowned or Wilson's warbler. Right now I've got a couple of Ruby-Crowned Kinglets hanging with the Bushtits. They move all over the neighborhood, but I think water is what I have that they value most. Love to hear their high pee-pee-peep.

read complete comment thread

D8VANILLA (A) (1) (V) (O)

Warning! Cuteness Alert!

2014-12-02 09:06 AM

They look so comfortable..... owner must do this all the time!

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REX OF SB (A) (B) (O)

Traffic Accident on Milpas

2014-12-02 09:06 AM

@586:which means absolutely nothing. It could have fallen out of a pocket or purse.

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COMMENT 573615 (A) (II) (II) (II)

San Miguel Missile Launch?

2014-12-02 09:05 AM

Is Navy activity like this the real reason that the Navy won't allow visitors to San Miguel island anymore? So sad to have Channel Islands National Park in our front yard and not be able to visit San Miguel.

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COMMENT 573614 (A) (B) (D) (O)

Warning! Cuteness Alert!

2014-12-02 09:04 AM

Sweater puppies

COMMENT 573613 (A) (B) (O)

Garage Sale Manager

2014-12-02 08:59 AM

Don't open your house to people to just browse around freely. I've had whole family's come in and start filling their pockets and pursues with all my stuff only to be caught red handed and run off. Ended up throwing everyone out and just donating it, Just a waste of time.. And you want to pay someone else to handle the headache. Just donate and be done with it...

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COMMENT 573612 (A) (II) (II) (II)

AM Rain Report!

2014-12-02 08:56 AM

610P, the real rain is supposed to arrive around noon today.

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COMMENT 573611P (A) (B) (A) (O)

Garage Sale Manager

2014-12-02 08:52 AM

If you want to get rid of everything, just put it out by the curb/yard/driveway and everyone who stops by and asks you what you want for this or that just say \$1. Everything will go and you'll have a wad of singles...and some quarters. AND some cheap people will STILL probably ask you if you'll take 50

read complete comment thread

COMMENT 573610P (1) (1) (0) (0)

AM Rain Report!

2014-12-02 08:49 AM

Looks as though some areas have received 1".

http://santabarbara.onerain.com/map.php? sensor class=10&mode=accumulation&interval=1440&rainfall enabled=1&type=Rain%20Gage%20Display&overlay index=

Happy that the rain is not coming down in buckets. A lot of dry soil needs to be soaked first.

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COMMENT 573609P (A) (II) (II) (O)

Geoff Green Joins the SBCC Foundati...

2014-12-02 08:48 AM

The Fund for Santa Barbara did not endorse Measure S, somewhat uncharacteristically for this "liberal" group. Hopefully Geoff had something to do with this rational choice. Hopefully he can get this group back on track. No one should expect to have their contributions to such an organization used for political campaign consultants and bad ads.

read complete comment thread

COMMENT 573608 (A) (1) (O)

AM Rain Report!

2014-12-02 08:43 AM

To quote Willie S:

"It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven Upon the place beneath."

I forget what "It" refers to, but this is certainly a nice, gentle rain upon our place.

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RHS A B O O

NY Times Paper Thief

2014-12-02 08:41 AM

OK, this is a jerky thing to do. But what is with the ad hominum crap? The car is cheap? The guy is bald fat? Would the misconduct be more acceptable if it were done from a new Mercedes by an attractive young woman? Can't people speak to the issues without attacking the peripheral stuff? No wonder we have such a hard time resolving social problems.

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COMMENT 573606 (A) (II) (IV)

No Mosquitoes, Please!

2014-12-02 08:40 AM

introduce bats to your property

read complete comment thread

COMMENT 573605 (A) (1) (O)

Tuesday Traffic

2014-12-02 08:39 AM

Slow down people! I just heard a vehicle is facing the wrong way on 101 south by milpas!

read complete comment thread

COMMENT 573604 (A) (B) (O)

Bushtits Having Fun!

2014-12-02 08:38 AM

OP-- I am thankful for your posting!

Many mornings I have sat by the window working or eating and heard the tiny tweets and peeps of some small birds that swarm the trees and perform acrobatic feats like jumping into an upside down position and picking things off the branches and leaves. Now I know what kind of birds these are. Thank you!

COMMENT 573603P (A) (B) (O) NY Times Paper Thief 2014-12-02 08:36 AM Big thieves in big cars cars do a lot of illegal things and have priced lawyers to get them out of it which seldom earns the news. Wish there were a column of white collar criminals of the day. read complete comment thread COMMENT 573602P (A) (B) (O) NY Times Paper Thief 2014-12-02 08:34 AM This is not as bad as someone stealing the Santa Barbara News Press. Ahh.... read complete comment thread MTNDRIVER A H N O **AM Rain Report!** 2014-12-02 08:31 AM That's great! On lower Mountain Drive we had .5 inch at 8AM. Raining hard now, a half hour later. read complete comment thread COMMENT 573601 (A) (B) (O) Isla Vista Self Governance Bill Int... 2014-12-02 08:31 AM I don't see any of you trying to fix IV. All I see is complaining - students shouldn't be able to vote, they should have their own community so their votes aren't counted in local SB elections, IV is a transient population, etc. Why is everyone against resolving the issues they complain about? read complete comment thread COMMENT 573599P (A) (B) (A) (O) Garage Sale Manager 2014-12-02 08:30 AM If you keep track of what you donate (take photos and count multiple similar items) and itemize on your taxes, the deduction for donating items to charity can be a *lot* more than you would make though a garage sale. read complete comment thread COMMENT 573598P (A) (1) (V) (O) New Act in Oceano 2014-12-02 08:29 AM She? read complete comment thread COMMENT 573597 (1) (1) (0) (0) Traffic Accident on Milpas 2014-12-02 08:28 AM Wow... so many folks really don't like to take responsibility for anything!! EVERYTHING we do we are responsible for whether it was intended or not. To presume it is "an accident" without any consequence or responsibility is to live in a magical kingdom where fairies and unicorns are constantly picking up our oopsies behind us. read complete comment thread COMMENT 573596P (A) (B) (O) Bushtits Having Fun! 2014-12-02 08:28 AM Hey, learned something new - again! Thanks OP and EdHat. read complete comment thread COMMENT 573595P (1) (1) (0) AM Rain Report! 2014-12-02 08:27 AM Our new rain barrel was already full at 7 am. I guess 60 gallons isn't enough. read complete comment thread COMMENT 573594 (A) (II) (II) (II) Garage Sale Manager 2014-12-02 08:26 AM Even worse, 575; she's one who ASPIRES for the 969 land, but can't guite get there :-) read complete comment thread COMMENT 573593P (A) (B) (A) (O) 2014-12-02 08:26 AM Traffic Accident on 154 There are a couple of bends on 154 that I'm extra careful on, especially coming south and especially that bend where there are two northbound lanes and the folks in the outside lanes are rushing to overtake the slower vehicles. read complete comment thread COMMENT 573592 (A) (B) (D) (O) **AM Rain Report!** 2014-12-02 08:20 AM Can't wait to check-out my new rain barrels after work!!! read complete comment thread COMMENT 573589 (A) (II) (II) (II) AM Rain Report! 2014-12-02 08:17 AM I take it the scale is centimeters on the left and inches on the right? read complete comment thread COMMENT 573590 (A) (B) (O) Garage Sale Manager 2014-12-02 08:17 AM If you've got possessions that will be given away or tossed, conduct the yard sale. Little money will

change hands and you'll give up gobs of time, but you'll have had the yard sale experience. Leave out

http://www.edhat.com/Comments/

jewelry from your sales, they could be stolen out from under you.

read complete comment thread

COMMENT 573591 (A) (B) (O)

Isla Vista Self Governance Bill Int...

2014-12-02 08:17 AM

Das Williams is not an effective smart leader. I am a democrat but cannot support Williams in any office. IV has had these issues but it is a transient population with no investment into this community.

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COMMENT 573588 (A) (B) (O)

Sunset Over Gaviota

2014-12-02 08:15 AM

Beautiful!

read complete comment thread

COMMENT 573587 (A) (B) (D) (O)

Traffic Accident on 154

2014-12-02 08:12 AM

Roger - Ha ha. I hope you are looking at the road while you "enjoy every sight" :)

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COMMENT 573586 (A) (II) (IV) (IV)

Traffic Accident on Milpas

2014-12-02 08:08 AM

If you blow up the pic you can see his cell phone on the sidewalk :)

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COMMENT 573585 (A) (B) (O)

NY Times Paper Thief

2014-12-02 08:06 AM

Who does this??? Simple answer. Someone who reads the New York Times !!!

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COMMENT 573584 (1) (1) (1)

NY Times Paper Thief

2014-12-02 08:05 AM

Small thieves in cheap cars do lots of illegal things. This may be tip of the iceberg.

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COMMENT 573583P (A) (1) (0)

Geoff Green Joins the SBCC Foundati...

2014-12-02 07:58 AM

I got the envelope in the mail for a donation to the SBCC Foundation and once again, I tossed it. Since they have been going beyond the stated reason for their existence, and using my donated money for campaigns (Measure S is the most recent and most exposed), I won't be donating. I will use my money for other educational causes, just not SBCC Foundation and I know I am not alone in this decision. Too bad for SBCC as it used to be a community college.

read complete comment thread

BARRELRIDER@59 A H O O

Garage Sale Manager

2014-12-02 07:54 AM

After you pay someone to run a garage sale you won't make any money. Why bother. Gather the stuff, take a few photos and call Alpha Thrift to pick up. If you aren't deducting charitable donations, then you can't afford to hire someone anyway.

read complete comment thread

COMMENT 573581P (A) (B) (O)

Pacific Storm System Headed This Wa...

2014-12-02 07:52 AM

There seems to be confusion about dissention and truth-seeking, and also burying one's head in the rapidly compressing sand of the super-drought in California.

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COMMENT 573580 (A) (B) (O)

Garage Sale Manager

2014-12-02 07:51 AM

Put an ad on craigslist under the wanted section for someone to help with your sale in return for selling some of their stuff at your location. I would volunteer to help because I have stuff but not a good location.

read complete comment thread

BARRELRIDER@59 4 1 1 1 1

No Mosquitoes, Please!

2014-12-02 07:51 AM

Mosquito condoms. Leave them out all over for easy access. Do not use the ribbed ones. Too much of a high humming noise if you do. Should do the trick.

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COMMENT 573578P (A) (B) (D) (O)

Isla Vista Self Governance Bill Int...

2014-12-02 07:48 AM

561 - ditto. Obviously Das has credibility otherwise he would not have been voted in again. He seems to be doing some relevant things in Sacramento.

As for a "real job"? What does that mean? I thought working 8 to 5 anywhere was a real job. Are you saying that trying to fix the problem in IV is not real, but working in a store is.

I see people working at a myriad of different jobs, and they are all trying their best to do their best. That is the only real part of working.

COMMENT 573577P (A) (B) (D) (O)

Garage Sale Manager

2014-12-02 07:43 AM

It all depends on what you have for sale - some stuff sells, other stuff does not. And having other people cart it away is one of the best reasons for having a garage sale. Another is that sold objects will extend their useful life with someone else, and not end up in the dump just yet.

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COMMENT 573576 (A) (II) (II) (II)

Pacific Storm System Headed This Wa...

2014-12-02 07:43 AM

oh, forgot to mention that the left leaning "climate change" true believers will not tolerate any dissension with their hypothesis and will start quoting and cut/pasting articles from anywhere and everywhere (even their bitter foes like Reagan, republicans, and fox news) when they are challenged in any way.

I prefer old movie soundtracks, myself:

"Raindrops keep fallin' on my head Just like the guy whose feet are too big for his bed Nothing seems to fit

Raindrops keep fallin' on my head But that doesn't mean my eyes will soon be turning red Crying's not for me Cause I ain't gonna stop the rain by complaining

Because I'm free Nothing's bothering me"

read complete comment thread

COMMENT 573575 (A) (1) (0) (0)

Garage Sale Manager

2014-12-02 07:41 AM

554 made me LOL! Sis-in-law could be just about any stuck up phoney in this town...More likely, one from "969 land" !

read complete comment thread

COMMENT 573574P (A) (B) (O)

Free Flu Shots for Community Reside...

2014-12-02 07:39 AM

I would get a polio vax, a smallpox vax, a yellow fever vax (have had all three), but would never get a

Besides the fact that there are new untested flu vax concoctions every year, I don't get the flu.

read complete comment thread

COMMENT 573573 (A) (1) (0) (0)

Garage Sale Manager

2014-12-02 07:33 AM

The only real bonus of a yard sale is that you get someone else to haul away stuff that you don't want. It usually costs less than paying a trash hauler to come get it. If you decide to donate stuff, YOU have to get it ready for 'them' to come get it. Yard sales are easier in that respect.

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COMMENT 573572 (A) (B) (O)

Geoff Green Joins the SBCC Foundati...

2014-12-02 07:32 AM

It is illegal for a 501(c)(3) non-profit, such as the SBCC Foundation, to donate to a political cause through a PAC. It is questionable for them to donate to a ballot measure committee. I have no respect (or donations) for them.

read complete comment thread

COMMENT 573571 (A) (B) (O)

San Miguel Missile Launch?

2014-12-02 07:29 AM

It's a giant aerial snail leaving its slime trail across the sky. Google: genetic engineering and Achatina fulica

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COMMENT 573570 (A) (II) (IV)

NY Times Paper Thief

2014-12-02 07:26 AM

Oh for crying out loud. I was really hoping this was a teaser of some sort and that the pics would be of a raccoon, or dog, stealing the paper. Who does this, indeed!

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COMMENT 573569P (A) (B) (Q)

Pacific Storm System Headed This Wa...

2014-12-02 07:25 AM

And this from the very, very right Breitbart.

"Parts of California's central valley are sinking, the Sacramento Bee reports, as farmers faced with drought and water sources cut off to protect the Delta smelt are pumping out deep groundwater to save their crops. The situation is serious enough that even some farmers are calling for new regulations on groundwater usage.

It's called subsidence, and it happens when farmers desperate for water dig deep wells into clay aguifers. As the water is pumped out the press of earth above compresses the clay. The land sinks and the compressed clay can not hold as much water as it once did. Once subsidence happens there is no way to undo it.

Michelle Sneed, who studies subsidence for the U.S. Geological Survey, authored a study in 2013 which found that 1,200 square miles of the Central Valley were sinking half-an-inch per year. But the rate is not consistent everywhere. The town of El Nido, CA just south of Merced sank almost a foot a year between 2008 and 2010. "A foot a year is not sustainable. You can't really mitigate against a foot a year," Sneed told the Bee.

http://www.breitbart.com/Breitbart-California/2014/04/08/Central-California-is-Sinking-as-Groundwater-is-Depleted

Notice the sentences:

"The land sinks and the compressed clay can not hold as much water as it once did. Once subsidence happens there is no way to undo it."

"A foot a year is not sustainable. You can't really mitigate against a foot a year," Sneed told the Bee.

Wow, the left and the right saying the same thing. It has to be fact. That means, if you read the news from whatever side, then this knowledge is available. If you read the news.

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FRESHPAVEMENT (3 (3 (3 (4) 0) Geoff Green Joins the SBCC Foundati... 2014-12-02 07:16 AM They've hired the best - Congratulations Geoff! Very smart move on the part of the SBCC Foundation...

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COMMENT 573568P • • • Pacific Storm System Headed This Wa... 2014-12-02 07:16 AM Wow, wow, wow. Shooting the messenger and ignoring the message. You are claiming that the scientific data is biased because of political leanings, yet you finish your post off with a non-scientific conclusion. Pot. Kettle. Black.

Here is the drought monitor from the University of Nebraska (probably where Slate got its info). But since Nebraska is right leaning, maybe you will believe the same info that Slate believed.

http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/

Fox News

There is a bit of good news for California farmers. Two storms are expected later this week. But farmers tell Fox News any precipitation they get won't come close to getting them out of the drought. http://www.foxnews.com/weather/2014/02/25/drought-leaves-california-farmers-choosing-which-crops-get-water-and-which/

A freakishly dry weather pattern, combined with human and other factors, has led to California's worst drought in centuries. Such "freak" events seem to be happening more regularly – Hurricane Sandy on the East Coast, historic floods in the Midwest, raging wildfires in the West. There's no telling when this situation in California will improve, but as state and federal officials grapple with this emergency, we should all consider ourselves affected until proven otherwise.

http://www.foxnews.com/health/2014/02/10/what-can-learn-from-california-drought/

So even Fox News states that "human and other factors" are responsible. Listen to the commentary at the first Fox link, especially the last sentence.

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COMMENT 573566 (A) (B) (Q) (O)

Bushtits Having Fun!

2014-12-02 07:15 AM

Ahh! my favorite ellgeebees. So charming and cute. Planted some dwarf olives recently and was followed quickly by a flock as they flitted through the branchlets to sip from the droplets left on the leaves.

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Expired Prescription Meds

2014-12-02 07:14 AM

Please do not flush them down the toilet or pour down the drain. All of that is piped to our wastewater treatment facilities and they are not engineered to and cannot filter the pharmaceuticals out.

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COMMENT 573564 (A) (B) (O)

Men Convicted of Paper Terrorism

2014-12-02 07:05 AM

I wonder, when they are in their jail cells, will they refuse to recognize the right of the bars to keep them locked up? Let's see them win that argument.

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Point Conception

2014-12-02 07:00 AM

Take a train trip from Santa Barbara to San Luis Obispo during the daytime and you will get to see Pt.

Conception from the land side of the point.

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http://blogs.wsj.com/pharmalot/2014/12/01/italy-investigates-novartis-flu-vaccine-after-12-deaths-are-reported/

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COMMENT 573561 (A) (D) (O) Isla V

Isla Vista Self Governance Bill Int...

2014-12-02 06:46 AM

This is an excellent solution to many of the problems facing IV. The first few posters are probably NO on P shills, still spouting their usual negativity. I thought they had all gone back to Bakersfield. Thank you Das and Doreen for supporting this idea.

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COMMENT 573560P (A) (B) (O)

Tuesday Traffic

2014-12-02 06:41 AM

557, another one?

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COMMENT 573559 A (1) (0) (0)

Tuesday Traffic

2014-12-02 06:41 AM

ah, so thats what all the sirens at hollister and modoc are about

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Garage Sale Manager

2014-12-02 06:35 AM

I actually have enjoyed having a yard sale. It is a lot of work, important to make really good signs, and important to put a good add with pictures on craigslist. I usually have about one a year, and have it with other friends. In the end I have made some good money, and still have a lot left to donate to my favorite charity. I enjoy the give and take with the people who come. And actually the dealers who come are sometimes the people who offer me the best prices.

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COMMENT 573557 (A) (B) (O)

Tuesday Traffic

2014-12-02 06:31 AM

Vehicle rollover on 154.

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COMMENT 573556 4 9 0 Pacific Storm System Headed This Wa... 2014-12-02 06:29 AM

92, the quote of "36inches needed" comes from a website that promotes the idea of global climate change and left leaning political action such as president's latest push for funding. Its opening paragraph mentions Obama and Gov. Brown pushing something called "Climate Resilience Fund" It is very much in their interests to promote despair about the climate.

They very much do not want people to feel that nature can and will handle this alone. "She needs our help", and by "help" they mean \$\$ and political support.

I just like the sound of the raindrops and the absolute assurance that it has nothing to do with me or anything I did. :)

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COMMENT 573555 (A) (B) (O)

Bushtits Having Fun!

2014-12-02 06:20 AM

Thank you for the sweet photo! and to you 540P for the info. I've often wondered why they jump around in my hedge before bathing or drinking from my fountain. They are tiny enough to jump into my saucer aeoniums and bathe in the dewdrops:)

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COMMENT 573554 (A) (B) (O)

Garage Sale Manager

2014-12-02 06:09 AM

My husband's father's daughter would be perfect for this; she's a greedy little control freak. Unfortunately, she's also a trophy wife, so probably not available, in between her vapid shopping adventures.

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COMMENT 573553P 4 10 10 10 Pacific Storm System Headed This Wa... 2014-12-02 06:05 AM just woke to raindrops falling on my roof! Love that sound! :)

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COMMENT 573552P (A) (II) (O)

Garage Sale Manager

2014-12-02 05:52 AM

51P, I agree with you. It is sad, but the honest truth of it is that these yard sales require way too much work for what I and some of my friends ever get out of it. I remember one we did last summer where we calculated our income at less than \$4/hour when all was said and done. And those were

weekend and overtime hours!!;)

We would have come out further ahead if we had just donated and claimed tax write off.

Not worth it, donate to a charity, take the tax write-off if it helps you (tax write-off also requires some time, may not be worth it either...)

Some people, like my mother-in-law, just enjoy the social interaction of yard sale'ng. I'd rather be fishina

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COMMENT 573551P (A) (B) (O)

Garage Sale Manager

2014-12-02 03:51 AM

Never worked so hard for so little. Despite wording in ad and on signs there are still people who show up around 6 or 7 if the sale is at 8 etc...depending on the neighborhood. I remember when the sales were friendly affair and some nice things were to be found without people trying to scam you and someone stationed across the street weren't necessary to stop people from making off with stuff they didn't pay for. I found with ours that people generally offered five cents on the dollar and would either leave with a attitude or leave with a attitude while trying to steal the object in question. And forget about listing it as an estate sale. They will show up with glasses perched on their nose and carrying a clipboard and take pictures and research them on the spot then act like they will be doing you a huge favor by taking the items "off your hands." No thank you!! I'd rather donate the stuff to charity here in town, but I recently saw that some of the items I had recently donated were in the hands of the volunteers at that charity in their possession outside of the charity. If that is how they work I may have to start "volunteering for these charities myself!

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Garage Sale Manager

2014-12-02 12:45 AM

@547---- Yikes!! You sound like ME !!!!

But, right after the first of the month, may not be good because people just paid rent / mortgage and may not have any money for a couple weeks.

I will add to your great suggestions..... Make sure you have the eye-catcher near the street. And, post your ad on Craigslist.... And, location location location.... very very important. Make the signs VERY clear and not much writing... sometimes just an arrow... people know what that means. I prefer to have price stickers on items, when I go to yard sales. I've had good luck Sat & Sun.... Have a decent calculator, big notepad.... If someone is interested, but is hemming & hawing... take their name & # to call them if the item doesn't sell.... then lower the price. And, my favorite motto::: One person trash is another persons treasure.... good luck.

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COMMENT 573549P (A) (B) (O)

NY Times Paper Thief

2014-12-02 12:23 AM

470P, oh you would be amazed. I have made it a sort of hobby of mine to throw my neighbors' papers up over their fence (onto patio not seen from street) or toss the papers up onto their porches (also out of view of passersby). I have done this for years, if I see more than one paper left out at a time.

Of course it is not so much of a problem now, as was pointed out by 489, but currently I have yahoos right next door to me who let their Wall St. Journals pile up when gone on week-long holidays, due to having only some intermittent checking up done by friends. I don't touch those papers. Some day I will see that moving van pull up, FLICKA, but I will sit and sip my lemonade and enjoy the show. Small recompense for having to live next door to some bona fide creeps.

I think many people just forget to cancel the paper for those few days, are too cheap to hire a house sitter and/or think it won't happen to them.

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